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## OCA PAD INITIATION - PROJECT HEADER INFORMATION

05/09/88

Project # : G-33-635  
Center # : Q5455-OA0Cost share #:  
Center shr #:Active  
Rev #: 0  
OCA file #:  
Work type : RES  
Document : GRANT  
Contract entity: GITContract# : S10 RR04192-01  
Prime #:

Mod #:

Subprojects ? : N  
Main project #:Project unit:  
Project director(s):

CHEM

Unit code: 02.010.136

Sponsor/division names: DHHS/PHS/NIH  
Sponsor/division codes: 08NATL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH  
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Award period: 880411 to 890610 (performance) 890710 (reports)

Sponsor amount	New this change	Total to date
Contract value	96,000.00	96,000.00
Funded	96,000.00	96,000.00
Cost sharing amount		0.00

Does subcontracting plan apply ? : N

TITLE: COMPUTER AND GRAPHICS FACILITIES FOR MOLECULAR DESIGN

## PROJECT ADMINISTRATION DATA

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DIVISION OF RESEARCH RESOURCES  
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BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20892Security class (U,C,S,TS) : ONR resident rep. is ACO (Y/N)  
Defense priority rating : supplemental sheet  
Equipment title vests with: Sponsor GIT X  
PRIOR APPROVAL FROM DRR/NIH REQUIRED IF ANY DEVIATION IN APPROVED BASIC EQUIP

Administrative comments -

INITIATION - BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT (BRS) SHARED INSTRUMENTATION GRANT.

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
OFFICE OF CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

## NOTICE OF PROJECT CLOSEOUT

**Date** 8/8/89

ject No. G-33-635

**Center No.** Q5455-0A0

ject Director F. L. Suddath, Jr.

School/Lab Chemistry

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## 2. Computer and Graphics Facilities for Molecular Design

Effective Completion Date 4/10/89 (Performance) 7/10/89 (Reports)

**seout Actions Required:**

- None
- Final Invoice or Copy of Last Invoice
- Final Report of Inventions and/or Subcontracts - Already Submitted.
- Government Property Inventory & Related Certificate
- Classified Material Certificate
- Release and Assignment
- Other

cludes Subproject No(s).

project Under Main Project No.

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tribution:

Project Director  
Administrative Network  
Accounting  
Procurement/GTRI Supply Services  
Research Property Management  
Research Security Services

X Reports Coordinator (OCA)  
GTRC  
X Project File  
2 Contract Support Division (OCA)  
Other

## Final Progress Report

Grant No.: 1 S10 RR04192-01

Principal Investigator: Fred L. Suddath, Jr., Georgia Institute of Technology, 225 North Avenue, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30332-0400

Funding Period: 4/11/88 - 4/10/89

Name of Instrument: Silicon Graphics Compute Server, Model 4D240S

Total Purchase Cost: \$125,000

Total DRR Award: \$96,000

Other Sources of Funding: \$29,000 - School of Chemistry, Departmental Funds

2. Describe the shared instrumentation purchased, its usage and its impact on the research community, specifically, the NIH funded users.

The Silicon Graphics Computer Server was purchased for use in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Georgia Tech to support the research efforts of a number of investigators who have funded NIH support. Our original plans were to purchase a VAX 3600 Computer, but the introduction of a Silicon Graphics Compute Server of considerably more power and only slightly more cost was chosen. This facility has provided at least thirty times the computing power to the crystallographic effort at Georgia Tech to the effort of Drs. Powers, May, and Felton in the area of rational drug design and as a general computing facility for scientific data analysis and reduction.

3. Describe the administration, operation, and plans for the maintenance of the instrument.

The Silicon Graphics Compute Server has been integrated into the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry's computing facility. It is administered by the departmental service committee, which has representatives from each of the divisions of the department. Day-to-day operation is handled by Dr. Don Van Derveer. Dr. Van Derveer is a small molecule crystallographer and is well familiar with the operating system of both the Silicon Graphics, as well as other computing facilities that make up the departmental computer center. Maintenance for the computer is provided from the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

4. Describe (in language understandable to the lay public) any research accomplishments resulting from the use of the instrumentation. Explain the developments in terms of their contributions to new knowledge and potential for the improvement of human health. Provide references to publications, if available).

One area where the Silicon Graphics machine has had a considerable impact, is in the recent structure solution of Human Serum Transferrin. Transferrin is the major iron and

transport proteins in humans and has the unusual ability to solubilize and bind iron +3. The structure of transferrin has been determined by a group in the School of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Georgia Tech and the computing facility was used extensively during the structure solution. A novel method was used for solving the structure and was very computationally intensive. Had these calculations been carried out on existing computers, it would have taken months of additional time solely devoted to the computations. The factor of forty to fifty improvement in computing speed was an enormous help in solving the structure. It is our expectation that a better understanding of the three dimensional structure of transferrin will lead to an improved understanding of the importance of transferrin in binding iron and transporting it from absorption sites in the intestines to storage sites in the liver.

5. None